

Seymour Rapids Fly Fishing Zone Peshtigo River State Forest





Fall Colors Illuminate the Woods Near Huber Lake

### Comments and Questions - What the Public is Saying

### A random sample of questions and comments we've received so far:

"Please plan hiking and skiing trails that go somewhere, for miles through the woods, that connect sections of the forest, not just loops that take you back to the parking lot, so we can go point to point."
"We would love horse trails, horse and wagon driving trails, horse camping." "Relocate the snowmobile trails through the park to

replace Ranch road trail because of the traffic on Ranch road, it being the only entrance and exit to the park".

"Is wilderness designated anywhere?" "Will DNR reduce the number of roads in the Park or Forest?" "Will DNR maintain the property?" "Who has the jurisdiction over the public behavior on the water?" "Who owns the land near the shoreline?"
"Will DNR make any changes on snowmobile trails?"
"Will you, (DNR) consult with various user groups to get advice and help when you will develop features of the park?" These and all public input will be saved for future decision-making.

## **State Park and State Forest Offices Now Open**

With the hiring of critical staff both Governor Thompson State Park and the Peshtigo River State Forest have official, though temporary, headquarters. Maggie Kailhofer, state park manager and Sara Pearson state forest

assistant manager have established a shared headquarters in the old lodge building of the former Woods Lake Resort - now Governor Tommy G. Thompson Centennial State Park.

Eventually, new permanent headquarters will be built.

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# Visioning Next Step in Master Planning

Now that master planning has been initiated for both Governor Thompson State Park and Peshtigo River State Forest, its time to get down to some real planning work. Since our planning process creates a master plan starting from the most general information and works toward specific details of property management and development of facilities, we must establish a starting point. It is called a Vision and Goals Statement.

The vision statement tells in broad generalities the

purpose of the property. It is coupled with GOALS, describing conditions that must be achieved to create the vision. We're writing two master plans, so we will be creating vision and goal statements for both the forest and for the park. We realize it may be hard to get started thinking in these terms, so we'll begin by giving you drafts of vision and goal statements that we think would make a good starting point. Then, it's your turn.

Look for a special leaflet in the mail later this fall. We'll be using it to show everyone what we think a vision and goal statement ought to look like for each property.

We'll be asking you to tell us whether you agree with the drafts and if not, what you think they should say. Then, using your input, the planning teams will sit down and decide on final drafts of vision and goal statements. We will publish this and other planning news in the next newsletter. Public meetings will be held again in January 2003, where we will discuss our Visions and Goals for both properties.